

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow a surface water withdrawal for public water supply from Cherrystone Creek and associated water supply infrastructure improvements in Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **December 16, 2015 to January 15, 2016.**

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Town of Chatham; c/o Chatham Town Manager; 16 Court Place, P.O. Box 370, Chatham, Virginia 24531; VWPP No. 15-0262

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Town of Chatham has applied for a permit for the Town of Chatham Public Water System Improvements. The permit will allow the applicant to replace an existing raw water intake on Cherrystone Creek, reinforce the low head check dam immediately downstream from the intake, install three (3) sluice gates at the upstream reservoirs (Cherrystone Reservoir and Roaring Fork Reservoir), place monitoring equipment at the outfall of Cherrystone Reservoir, and dredge periodically for maintenance purposes in Cherrystone Creek. The proposed intake is located on the south bank of Cherrystone Creek, just upstream of the confluence with Whites Branch across the street from the Chatham Water Treatment Plant at 792 Moses Mill Road, in the Town of Chatham in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. The two reservoirs augmenting flow to this Creek are Cherrystone Reservoir and Roaring Fork Reservoir, which are located approximately 2 and 2.5 miles upstream of the intake location. The proposed activity would affect 0.07 acres of surface waters in Cherrystone Creek, consisting of 0.01 acres of permanent impacts and 0.06 acres of temporary impacts. Permanent impacts are to no more than 0.01 acres of open water. Temporary impacts are to no more than 0.02 acres of open water and no more than 0.04 acres (60 linear feet) of stream channel. The proposed activities will also temporarily impact 105 acres of open water in Cherrystone Reservoir and 16.5 acres of open water in Roaring Fork Reservoir for safety measures during construction. The reservoir levels will be restored to pre-construction conditions following the completion of any in-stream work. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Cherrystone Creek in the Roanoke River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Matthew Link; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218; Phone: 804-698-4078; E-mail: Matthew.Link@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 804-698-4032. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above {by appointment} or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.